

May 30, 2003

VIA Electronic Filing

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: MM Docket No. 02-277, MM Docket NO. 01-235, MM Docket No. 01-317,
MM Docket No. 00-244

Dear Ms. Salas:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, this letter is to provide notice of an *ex parte* meeting with Commission staff in the above-referenced docket. On April 9, 2003, Michael Reisch and Patti Miller of Children Now, Dale Kunkel of UC Santa Barbara and Marjorie Tharp of the American Academy of Pediatrics met with Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy and her legal advisor, Stacy Robinson.

During this meeting, Children Now et al. generally discussed the concerns raised in its comments regarding the potential impacts of media consolidation on children's programming, including the availability and diversity of children's programming and how consolidation might affect commercial broadcasters' compliance with the Children's Television Act. We expressed concern that companies that are allowed to own duopolies in a local market might air the same three hours of children's educational programming on both their stations to comply with FCC processing guidelines.

Pursuant to the Commission's Rules, this *ex parte* notice is being filed electronically through the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System procedures. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 510-763-2444 should you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

Patti Miller
Director
Children Now